



THORBURY WEST RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT - PHASE 1

TOWN OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS PROJECT UPDATE NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2020

Background:

Over the past year and a half, Tatham Engineering has been working with the Town to complete the detailed design for the Elma Street and Alice Street Area Reconstruction Project. More recently, Tatham Engineering was awarded and has nearly completed the preliminary design for the Victoria Street and Louisa Street Area Reconstruction project. This project is expected to conclude within the next month with the final submission of a preliminary design report.

Due to the interconnected nature of the two projects, Tatham Engineering has been awarded the final design for the Victoria Street and Louisa Street Reconstruction. This project will be combined with the Elma Street and Alice Street Area Reconstruction and proceed under a new title: Thornbury West Reconstruction - Phase 1.

Further to previous communications, newsletter and Public Information Centres, Tatham Engineering is pleased to provide an update on the project status and schedule, as well as provide crucial information regarding property impacts and required property owner action items.

Archaeological Assessment:

Archeoworks Inc. is scheduled to complete a Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment within the project area next Spring, as required to satisfy provincial legislation. The investigation will take place within the road allowance, and, in some cases, on private property. Permission to enter specific properties has been requested by the Town. If you have received a request and have not responded, we request a response as soon as possible. The Archaeological Assessment is scheduled for Spring 2021. A Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment involves the consultant archaeologist reviewing the property in search of artifacts. The archaeologist will dig small holes, called test pits, and sift the soil to look for artifacts. Property will be restored, as necessary. The archaeological work will not require relocation of any objects on private property and will not require any homeowner action.

Stormwater Laterals:

During the reconstruction project, stormwater laterals will be provided for each lot. Property owners will be consulted when determining an appropriate location of the new service and the Town will make every effort to accommodate residents' desired location. However, not all locations may be feasible as separation from various features must be maintained (street trees, utility poles, existing sanitary and water services, etc.).

Stormwater laterals are provided to allow homeowners to disconnect their foundation drains from the sanitary sewer (as is common in older homes) and connect a sump discharge pipe to the storm service. Foundation drains are not permitted to be connected to sanitary services as they create significant additional flows to be treated at the Town's sewage treatment facility.

Services:

Many services within the project limits do not enter the serviced lot directly from the Town land. New services will be placed at the property line with a minimum clearance from the side lot line of 2.0 metres. To meet Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks design standards, both sanitary and new storm

services must have a minimum of 2.5 metres separation from water services. The Town will ensure all services have proper separation between the services and from property lines at the property line (between Town land and private property). Property owners will be responsible for connecting their building to the new lateral location if relocated.

Schedule:

Construction is anticipated to take place over a two-year period. At this time, the schedule for construction has not been finalized. The earliest construction could commence is Spring 2022; however, more information will be provided to residents as it becomes available.

Construction sequencing (ie, the order in which each block will be reconstructed) has not yet been determined. Additional information will be provided once a contractor is selected and the construction contract is awarded.

Streetscape:

Existing landscaping within the road allowance will be removed, including trees, shrubs, gardens, walkways and other features. On all streets, the road allowance is typically 20 meters wide - approximately 10 meters from the center of the road to property line. This project area includes many large trees, several of which have grown to straddle property line between the town land and private property. Trees of appropriate species that are in good health and in a suitable location to facilitate maintenance will be protected throughout construction. However, in cases, the reconstruction work and replacement of existing services will require removal of trees, some on private property, as the excavation may damage or undermine the tree roots, causing instability and/or the deterioration of the tree's health. New street trees will be included in the project, set at approximately 16 metre spacing. Where trees cannot be planted within the Town's road allowance (due to setback requirements from other features such as utility poles, driveways, etc.), the Town will seek opportunities to plant these trees on private property. Homeowners will be approached by the Town for permission to plant trees on their property. Replacement trees will be Valley Forge Elm, Red Oak, Autumn Blaze Maple or other species as approved by the Town's Landscape Architect.

Project Information:

Please visit the project website <https://www.thebluemountains.ca/elma-alice-street-reconstruction.cfm> for additional project information.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed works, please call or e-mail the project engineering consultant, Tatham Engineering, at **(705) 444-2565**. Office hours are between 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday.

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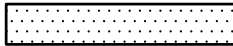
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FIGURE 1



VICTORIA & LOUISA STREETS AREA
RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT LIMITS



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